



# Latino & Latin American Space for Enrichment and Research (LASER) Mentoring Program

## Purpose

The Ohio State LASER High School Mentoring Program prepares Latino students in Columbus-area high schools for successful admission to Ohio State and elsewhere.

Undergraduate student mentors meet weekly with high school mentees for academic coaching and college planning. Workshops and events integrate students and their families into a network of professionals and information resources to help students successfully navigate college admission and financial aid.

## Impact

Beginning with two mentors and three mentees in Spring 2012, LASER currently supports 70 mentoring pairs, including students from 23 area high schools.

LASER is expanding the number of Ohio Latino applicants to Ohio State and other area colleges and universities, and raising awareness of Latino talent pools among Ohio State personnel.

“[My mentor] reviewed numerous essays I wrote for college applications ... suggested scholarships, helped in raising my ACT score from a 26 to a 30, aided in my successful admission.” --MSP Distinction Scholar

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Office of Diversity and Inclusion  
Department of Spanish and Portuguese

## Community Partners Involved

Centennial High School  
Central Crossing High School  
Columbus Downtown High School  
Columbus International High School  
Columbus State Community College  
Dublin Jerome High School  
Dublin Coffman High School  
Dublin Scioto High School  
Hamilton Township High School  
Hayes High School  
Hilliard Davidson High School  
Orange High School  
Pickerington High School North  
South-Western Career Academy  
The Charles School at  
Ohio Dominican University  
Thomas Worthington High School  
Walnut Ridge High School  
Westerville South High School  
Westland High School  
Whitehall-Yearling High School

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